GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1106
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2004
MEETING OF MPs OF KERALA WITH POWER MINISTRY
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting of the MPs from Kerala was convened by the Government recently with the representatives of the Union Power Ministry and discussed the problems of power projects of Kerala pending for clearances;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : A meeting was convened by the Minister of Power on 19.07.2004 with the MPs from Kerala and representatives of State Government and Central Ministries. The status of development of hydro electric schemes in the State of Kerala was reviewed. It was informed that from 1980 onwards, 9 hydro-electric schemes of the State of Kerala have been returned by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for resubmission. Out of these, six schemes of the State involve inter-state disputes with Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. In two schemes, major changes were suggested by Central Electricity Authority / Central Water Commission in the scope of works and one scheme was returned due to non-furnishing of essential inputs. The list of these schemes is enclosed at Annex.

The State Government of Kerala was requested to sort out the inter-state issues with the State Government of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. It was intimated that in case any help of Central Government is required to resolve some specific issues, where the concerned State Governments differ, the details of the same may be forwarded to the concerned Ministries / Departments of the Central Government so as to arrive at an agreeable solution.

Three schemes namely, Athirapally, Mankulam and Thottiar Hydroelectric Projects (HEPs) are pending for environment and forest clearance. Environment clearance has since been accorded for Mankulam HEP on 2.8.2004 by Ministry of Environment and Forests. In the case of Athirapally HEP, the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) is engaged in discussion on issues relating to hydrology and environment with the Central Water Commission (CWC) and Ministry of Environment & Forests respectively.

The State Government requested CEA for preparation of Pre-Feasibility Report (PFR) of Kuriarkutty (30 MW) and Karapara (36 MW) HEPs. The PFRs of these projects have since been prepared.

It was informed that three schemes namely Achencovil (60 MW), Chalipuzha (60 MW) and Karapara Kuriarkutty (84 MW) with installed capacity of 204 MW are under Survey & Investigation by the State Government.

The Renovation & Modernization and Uprating programme of hydro electric stations of Kerala was also discussed. Three schemes with accrued benefit of 115.5 MW at a cost of Rs. 349 crores have already been completed during Xth Plan and one scheme which would accrue benefit of 54 MW at an estimated cost of Rs. 31.92 crores is under implementation and is likely to be completed by 2006-07.

As regards allocation of additional power to the State Government, it was informed that additional power has already been allocated to the State from Eastern Region.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1106 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 07.12.2004.

Details of Hydro projects returned for resubmission in Kerala

Sl. No	Name of Scheme	Type of Scheme	Installed Capacity (MW)	Estimated Cost (Rs.Crs)	Date of receipt/ return	Remarks

1. Kerala Bhawani Storage (Multipurpose)	Live Storage-265 mcm Capacity 608 mcm Located in Cauvery basin.	3x50 = 150 (1991 P.L.)	168.75	Aug.91/Jan.,1992	Involves inter-state aspect.
2. Mananthwady Storage	Gross Capacity 608 mcm Located in Cauvery basin.	4x60 = 240 (1980 PL)	69.17 (Power)	May,80/July,1980	Involves inter-state aspect.
3. Pambar Storage	Live capacity-37.3 mcm basin	2x15 = 30 (1989 P.L.)	65.46	Feb,90/Mar.,1990	Involves inter-state aspect.
4. Kuttiyadi Augmentation	Storage (#) Live capacity 155 mcm Located in Cauvery basin. This project is under construction by KSEB.	2x50 = 100	61.72	May,92/ May,1992	Involves inter-state aspect.
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5. Pandiar Punnapuzha	ROR	2x35 = 70	22.0	Dec.76/ July, 1982	Involves inter-state aspect with Tamil Nadu.
6. Barapole	ROR As per Kerala Govt. DPR has already been prepared and steps initiated for its implementation	2x3+2x1.5=9	12.7	June,91/Aug.,1991	Involves inter-state aspect with Karnataka.
7. Pallivasal Rehabilitation	Storage (#) Live Capacity58.9 mcm As per Kerala Govt., the R & M and life extension of existing units completed in 2002-03. Therefore rehabilitation scheme is not required.	3x20 = 60	45.48	July,90/Apr.,1992	Due to major change in scope of works suggested by CEA/ CWC.
8. Karapara - Kuriarkutty (Multipurpose)	Storage Live capacity - 106.9 mcm prepared PFR of the project.	2x12+3x20=84 (1990 P.L.)	85.64	Nov.,90/June,1991	The Project has On request of Govt. of Kerala CEA has in first instance. to be approved by TAC of MOWR
9. Athirapilly H.E.Project - 6.8 mcm (revised DPR)	(##) ROR Live storage (excl.IDC) (2003-04 PL)	2x80+ 1x3=163	331.88	Sept.,04/Sept.,2004	The revised DPR up of essential inputs/details. MoEF clearance submitted as per directives of Hon`ble High Court of Kerala. EIA study tieing non-furnishing/ was returned on 10-9-2004 due to

	completed. State Govt. advised to conduct fresh Public Hearing.	
Total	906 MW	

(#) Existing Reservoir
(##) This project was earlier cleared by CEA on 13-5-1996 for a capacity of 2x80 MW.